

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Commission

Staff Director General Counsel Press Office

Public Disclosure

FROM:

Commission Secretary's Offic

DATE:

May 30, 2012

SUBJECT:

Comments on Draft AO 2012-20

(Markwayne Mullin)

Transmitted between two timely submitted comments from Tyler Moore and Wayne Pettigrew for U.S. Congress.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2012-20 was on the May 24, 2012 open meeting agenda.

Attachment

Public Statement submitted on behalf of Wayne Pettigrew for U.S. Congress (R-OK2):

In September 2011, Wayne Pettigrew met with Markwayne Mullin about Oklahoma's Second District Congressional race. They met in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At the time, Mullin was an announced candidate in the race. Pettigrew was not. Mullin sought Pettigrew's endorsement in the meeting.

Mullin asked Pettigrew if Mullin should continue his radio show and commercial advertising for Mullin's plumbing business during his Congressional race. Mullin shared that the advertising was already drawing scrutiny/criticism.

Mullin said he was preparing to change his corporate advertising, and it would be a good time to go in another direction.

Pettigrew recommended that Mullin simply hand over the on air duties for his company advertising to someone else at his company, at least until the campaign concluded.

Multin said that he got "a let of business off that" and that he "would lose business if (he) didn't do it."

Pettigrew replied, "You should have thought about that before you became a federal candidate."